

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for engaging and/or disengaging a roller with or from a first mating roller cylinder, with a second mating roller cylinder having a circumferential surface defining a second mating roller cylinder circumferential direction and defining a tangential direction to said circumferential direction, with which the roller is engaged, the device comprising:

a feed unit, said roller being mounted on said feed unit and said feed unit being positionable in a bisecting line position with a rotational axis of said roller mounted on a bisecting line that bisects an angle between said first mating cylinder and said second mating cylinder, said feed unit for generating engaging pressure with which, in said bisecting line position, said roller acts approximately uniformly on said first mating cylinder and said second mating cylinder such that a nip ratio between said first mating cylinder and said second mating cylinder is approximately equal;

a basic unit connected to said roller via said feed unit, said basic unit for guiding said roller together with said feed unit in said circumferential direction of said second mating roller cylinder, with said basic unit said roller can be moved to or away from the first mating roller cylinder in the circumferential direction of the second mating roller cylinder whereby said roller may be maintained in contact with said second mating roller cylinder.

2. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the basic unit has a pneumatic adjusting element.

3. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the basic unit is adjustable in parallel to said tangential direction of the second mating ~~roller~~ cylinder for deflecting said feed unit from said bisecting line position to vary said nip ratio between said first mating cylinder and said second mating cylinder to generate a greater nip width between one of said first mating cylinder and said roller and said second mating cylinder and said roller.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a spring element for generating the engaging pressure of the roller.

6. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, with a setting element for setting the engaging pressure.

7. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the roller is mounted in a carriage.

8. (Previously Presented) A process for engaging and/or disengaging a roller of a printing press with or from a first mating roller, wherein the roller is engaged with a second mating roller, the process comprising the steps of:

guiding the roller in the circumferential direction of the second mating roller in the state

5 in which the roller is engaged with the second mating roller; and
moving the roller in a direction tangential to an outer surface of the second mating roller.

9. (Previously Presented) A process in accordance with claim 8, wherein the roller is continuously in contact with the second mating roller.

10. (Previously Presented) A process in accordance with claim 8, wherein a nip, a nip ratio or the engaging pressure is set in the state in which the two mating rollers are engaged by said step of moving the roller in a direction tangential to an outer surface of the second mating roller.

11. (Previously Presented) A printing press system, comprising:

a first mating roller;

a second mating roller having a circumferential surface defining a second mating roller tangential direction;

5 an engagement roller for engaging and/or disengaging with or from the first mating roller and for engagement with the second mating roller;

a basic unit, with which the roller can be moved to or away from the first mating roller in the circumferential direction of the second mating roller, said basic unit being adjustable in position for moving said engagement roller in a direction parallel to said second mating roller

tangential direction.

12. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the basic unit has a pneumatic adjusting element.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a feed unit, with which an engaging pressure can be generated on at least one of the mating rollers.

15. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a spring element for generating the engaging pressure of the roller.

16. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 11, with a setting element for setting an engaging pressure.

17. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the engagement roller is mounted in a carriage.

18. (Withdrawn) A system in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a feed unit

connected to said basic unit and supporting said engagement roller, said feed unit for applying an engaging pressure from said engagement roller on said mating rollers, said basic unit having a pneumatic adjusting element for adjusting the position of said basic unit in said direction parallel to said second mating roller tangential direction.

19. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein an element provided for generating the engaging pressure is deflected from said bisecting line to vary said nip ratio between said first mating cylinder and said second mating cylinder to generate a greater nip width in between one of said first mating cylinder and said roller or between said second mating cylinder and said roller.

20. (Withdrawn) A process in accordance with claim 8, further comprising:
providing a feed unit connected to a base unit and supporting said engagement roller, the base unit being connected to the roller via the feed unit and guiding of the roller together with said feed unit in the circumferential direction of said second mating roller; and
applying an engaging pressure from the engagement roller on the mating rollers with the feed unit.

21. (Withdrawn) A process in accordance with claim 20, further comprising:
positioning the feed unit in a bisecting line position on a bisecting line that bisects an angle between the first mating cylinder and the second mating cylinder whereby the feed unit

generated engaging pressure, in the bisecting line position, is such that said roller acts
5 approximately uniformly on the first mating cylinder and the second mating cylinder such that
a nip ratio between said first mating cylinder and said second mating cylinder is approximately
equal.

22. (Withdrawn) A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein said step of moving
the roller in a direction tangential to an outer surface of the second mating roller moves said
feed unit from the bisecting line position to vary the nip ratio between the first mating cylinder
and the second mating cylinder to generate a greater nip width in between one of the first
5 mating cylinder and the roller and the second mating cylinder and the roller.